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Manchester University's all-virtual Homecoming continues Saturday

Manchester University Alumni Relations is meeting the COVID-19 challenge with an all-virtual Homecoming. The traditional Peace Studies Plaque Dedication is 10 a.m. live on Facebook on Saturday, Sept. 26. A special Homecoming Pre-Game program will follow at noon. The football game was canceled because of restrictions imposed by COVID-19. For more information, visit the Manchester University Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ManchesterUniv.

Weed Wrangle to be held Saturday at Salamonie Lake

Meet Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) members and volunteers and get some hands-on experience learning more about invasive species and how to manage them from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26 at Salamonie Lake's Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Those interested in attending should wear long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes; and bring work gloves, wide-brimmed hats, sunscreen and bug spray. Have tools? Bring them. No chainsaws. Some tools will also be provided. The first 30 people who register in advance and work will receive a

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Holcomb: State to advance to Stage 5 of Back on Track Indiana plan

Local unique individuals' 7-day positivity rating below 1 percent as ISDH adjust figures

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced that he will advance the state to an updated version of the Stage 5 Back On Track Indiana plan and extend the state's face covering mandate until at least Oct. 17, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

Last month, the Wabash County Council unanimously approved a resolution opposing the continuation of Stage 4.5 of the Back on Track Indiana plan. The resolution was supported by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners.

Hoffmeyer said local governments may impose more restrictive guidelines.

"Holcomb has used data to drive decisions since the state's first case of the novel coronavirus in early March and he continues to do so," said Hoffmeyer.

The state continues to monitor and respond to an expanded set of metrics, including:

- The seven-day average positivity rate.

- The number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients statewide.

- The number of critical care beds and ventilators.

- The state's ability to test all Hoosiers who are COVID-19 symptomatic as well as health care workers, first responders and frontline employees.

- Systems are in place to contact all individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and expand contact tracing.

- The number of positive cases per 100,000 residents.

Hoffmeyer said under this adjusted Stage 5, face coverings remain required.

"Organizers of events with

more than 500 people in attendance will be required to submit a plan to the local health department that outlines measures to mitigate COVID-19. Restaurants and bars that serve food may open at full capacity as long as six feet of space to maintain social distancing is in place. Customers must be seated at a table or counter. Indoor and outdoor venues may open at full capacity with social distancing

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Educating women landowners



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Teresa Rody, with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), right, shows the difference between some of the plants Thursday, Sept. 17.

Wabash, Miami counties' SWCDs host a discussion, tour at Salamonie

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, Sept. 17, outside Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Center, Mary Lou Watson, of the Miami County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) said the reason she and just over a dozen other women were gathered there that day was to study the larger issue of conservation.

"The small point we've been getting to is invasive species," she said.

Watson said this year's event was a similar setup to previous outings, just on a

different topic.

"They have questioned, 'What am I looking as far as invasives?' And trying to identify. And then, 'How do I treat it? How do I get rid of it?' We have a lot of pamphlets, information and now they're out there looking on site and identifying in its habitat what it looks like along with other green things," she said.

Tashina Lahr-Manifold, executive director of the Wabash County SWCD, said the event was held to reach the growing number of women landowners interested in conservation practices that bene-

fit the health of their land.

To that end, the Wabash and Miami County SWCDs, supported by Women4theLand, hosted the invasive discussion and field tour, which was attended by 13 participants.

The topic of invasive species was then discussed by speaker Teresa Rody with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

Mandi Glanz, a Regional Specialist with the Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management, was also in attendance to help discuss invasive management and ID.

Following the morning meeting, the ladies had the

opportunity to create a picture holder out of both native and invasive plant species. Lunch was then provided by Halderman Real Estate & Farm Management.

After lunch, Rody gave the ladies a walking tour of Salamonie State Park while covering invasive species ID and woodland management.

Watson said in this area, the most common invasive species were bush honeysuckle, autumn olive and tree of heaven – or stink tree.

Deeper in the woods across the road, the larger

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Peru grad on shortlist of potential nominees to high court

Kate Comerford Todd considered in the running; announcement of nominee expected today

By JARED KEEVER

Peru Tribune Editor

One woman reported to be on President Donald Trump's shortlist of potential Supreme Court nominees is from Miami County and a graduate of Peru High School.

Kate Comerford Todd is a deputy White House counsel, helping navigate Trump's White House through a thicket of legal issues. It's a role she knows well, having served in the counsel's office during the administration of the last Republican president, George W. Bush.

Todd, 45, is the only lawyer mentioned as being on Trump's shortlist who has not previously been a judge, though she's hardly unfamiliar with the high court, having clerked for Justice Clarence

Thomas. Her experience is otherwise diverse: she's twice counseled the White House, worked at a prestigious law firm and represented the interests of a leading business advocacy group.

Todd graduated from Peru High School in 1992.

Her parents are James and Louise Comerford.

Her father retired from the Peru Fire Department and served for a time as the county's 911 Director. His wife, according to a 2004 New York Times wedding announcement for their daughter, worked in the Peru Township Trustee's Office.

They could not be reached for this story.

The wedding announcement says Todd was born Kathryn Louise Comerford. At the time of her wedding

she was an associate specializing in Constitutional law at Wiley Rein & Fielding, a law firm in Washington. She was also an adjunct assistant professor of Constitutional law at Cornell-in-Washington. She graduated with distinction from Cornell and received her law degree magna cum laude from Harvard, the announcement said.

Her husband, Gordon Dwyer Todd, worked at the time of their wedding at the Justice Department, where he was the counsel to the assistant attorney general for civil rights. He graduated cum laude from Princeton and received his law degree from the University of Virginia.

Trump has signaled that he intends to name a woman for the third Supreme Court selection of his administration. Amy Coney Barrett is emerging as the early favorite to be

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Lagro VFD responds to a possible explosion, subsequent fire Thursday

The Incident occurred near the intersection of Huntington County roads 200 North, 700 West

By ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI

Chronicle-Tribune Editor

About 25 volunteer firefighters responded to a report of an explosion around 12:30 p.m. near the intersection of Huntington County roads 200 North and 700 West in Andrews Thursday.

Andrews Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tom Wuensch said he shut down his excavating business so he and five other workers could help extinguish the fire, which occurred inside a pole barn at the property.

"I was the first fireman on the scene, and it was fully involved," Wuensch recalled. "I live on Division Road, so I live about two miles from the scene. I was at my house

when we got called, and I could see it from my house. When it went up, it went up quick."

Multiple neighbors reported hearing a large bang caused by a possible explosion.

Wuensch said crews will be investigating the cause of the fire Friday afternoon since the cause is currently undetermined.

"We couldn't find in there – the pole barn that exploded – we can't find anything in there that exploded, so that's why I'm calling in the fire marshal, but other people heard it at the same time in surrounding areas. We couldn't find anything yes-

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You gotta have faith

I used to be one of those people who argued with the talking heads on television. I was a political junkie from my earliest days, so there I would be on a Saturday morning, thanking Bill Buckley on the other side of the screen for correcting his “Firing Line” guest’s wayward thinking or telling Eleanor Clift on “The McLaughlin Group” that there is another way to think about things (as if she didn’t know that on her own, or, well, could hear me). Over the years, I’ve gotten a lot more peaceful about things and watch a lot less television. These days, with people seeming to treat politics like a sport – or a never-ending reality TV show – it’s good to remind yourself there still is a lot more to life. (Also, there is the fact that I have a few platforms now where I can communicate an opinion or insight to actual people reading. Thank you.)



But lately, I’ve reverted to hollering at the screen again – albeit typically on my phone now. And it’s principally in response the use and abuse of religion in politics. I love my Catholic faith, and over the years have sat at Mass alongside people with whom I don’t agree on some fundamental things. For a period of time in college, I would frequently be at Mass with Ted Kennedy at St. Joseph’s on Capitol Hill. He would quietly sit in the back and

not go up to Communion. I always prayed for him when I saw him, and respected the humility on display that wasn’t necessarily what I’d see on the Senate floor or at a campaign rally. The point is, faith is the most important thing alongside life and family, and so, of course, it’s important to politics. But we had better be careful about trying to conform God to our political image. God is bigger and better than Donald Trump, Joe Biden or any political party, than everything of this world. The pandemic and unrest of the recent months has been laced with anxiety for many. When Joe Biden decided to quote Pope John Paul II, I found myself reverting to my screen-yelling days. The only healthy response is to re-read John Paul II’s “Gospel of Life.” In it, he quoted the Second Vatican Council: “Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder,

genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction ... whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where people are treated as mere instruments of gain rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others like them ... poison human society, and they do more harm to those who practice them than to those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are a supreme dishonor to the Creator.” Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

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Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy
84 / 64	80 / 56	65 / 49	63 / 46	62 / 43

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 7:37 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:41 a.m.

Full 10/1	Last 10/9	New 10/16	First 10/23

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 84°, humidity of 55%. South wind 7 to 16 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 64°. South wind 12 to 18 mph. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high of 80°, humidity of 60%.

Annual Waldo and Steve Brandt Memorial ride set for Sunday

Route change announced due to Cass Street construction

STAFF REPORT

The annual Waldo and Steve Brandt Memorial ride will take place on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, announced Capt. Matt A. Benson, Wabash Police Department

(WPD) public information officer. “This ride is in remembrance of Waldo and Steve Brandt,” said Benson. The ride will depart at noon from Brandt’s Harley Davidson, 1400 Cass St. The motorcyclists will exit Brandt’s Harley Davidson and turn Southbound on Cass Street. The riders will turn East-

bound on Highway 24 and turn south on Wabash Street. The riders will travel south on Wabash Street through the city of Wabash and merge onto Indiana 13 South. The riders will exit the city on Indiana 13. “Motorists traveling through these areas during this time should expect long delays at intersections,” said Benson.


TODD

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the nominee after he met with her Monday before leaving the White House to campaign in Ohio. He is expected to announce his pick on Saturday. Barrett, is a federal judge who also has Indiana ties and was nominated by Trump to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Based in Chicago, the circuit includes Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Barrett is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School and her husband is a partner at a South Bend law firm. Other potential candidates include Barbara Lagoa, a Cuban American judge who serves on the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals; Joan Larsen, another Trump appointee who serves on the Cincinnati-based 6th Circuit Court of Appeals; Allison Jones Rushing, who was seated to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals just 18 months ago. Todd was viewed as the favorite of White House lawyers, but there were concerns that the confirmation process would not be as smooth for a first-time jurist, according to people familiar with the situation. “She is absolutely brilliant,” Helgi Walker, a partner at the Gibson Dunn law firm who also served as a Thomas law clerk and as an associate White House counsel to Bush, told The Associated Press when asked about Todd. “She is thoughtful, caring, considerate. She always tries to get it right, no matter what she’s doing.” Todd’s lack of prior experience as a judge could become a point of contention during any confirmation process, though it also means that she has no paper trail of court opinions for Democrats to exploit the way they did with Trump’s two other nominees, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh. Her career, though a diverse blend of private practice and government work, has probably not produced some of the high-profile moments of

the other Supreme Court contenders who have issued notable opinions. At the White House, for instance, she has helped vet federal judges but much of her work has taken place outside of public view and outside the headlines. But lawyers who are close to her and are familiar with her work describe her as exceptionally smart and hard-working, a principled and independent-minded attorney whose originalist view of the Constitution are in line with other conservative jurists who have served on the court. “When I went to Kate with a question, I always found that I got really good advice, really thoughtful advice. She’s just really smart,” said Will Consovoy, who worked at the same law firm as Todd. When he would give her his work to review, “It always came back much better than when I gave it to her. She was such a great sounding board.” Adam Mortara, a lawyer and conservative legal activist who has known Todd for more than 20 years and also clerked for Thomas, recalled how Todd seemed to take to heart the justice’s admonition that backing down on an issue of principle is a “pathway to personal destruction.” “I think the first person that I ever met, other than Justice Thomas, who I realized fully embodied that principle is Kate,” he said “I’ve never seen her back down on an issue of principle. I’ve never seen her compromise her principles.” He added, “On issues of right or wrong, or on issues of what the law is or isn’t, there is no moving her.” He described one conversation early in their friendship in which she explained to him the intricacies of a legal doctrine in which courts afford deference to federal agency interpretation of statutes. After Mortara said it sounded like a silly, wrong-headed principle, Todd told him the doctrine was supported by Justice Antonin Scalia – a conservative stalwart on the court for decades – and asked whether that would make a difference. It was effectively a test,

Mortara said, to see if his instincts could be rattled by the “800-pound gorilla of Justice Scalia not agreeing with me.” “I remember her teaching me in that moment, by example, and by her words, that you have to figure things out for yourself,” Mortara said. “One thing I learned from that, and it’s not even specific to any issue, is she’s an independent thinker who will figure things out for herself.” Besides her career in the White House, the Harvard Law School alumna has also worked at a prominent law firm – now called Wiley Rein – and served as the former senior vice president and chief counsel for the U.S. Chamber Litigation Center, the litigation arm of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. She’s moved comfortably in conservative legal circles, participating in conferences hosted by the Federalist Society and writing an enthusiastic letter on Kavanaugh’s behalf when he was being considered for a seat on the Washington-based federal appeals court. She has decried excessive regulation of businesses, including government overreach during the Obama administration that she described at one Federalist Society event in 2017 as “deliciously terrible.” More than a decade earlier, she submitted a friend-of-the-court brief challenging the constitutionality of a board that was created by Congress to regulate the auditing of public companies in the wake of corporate accounting scandals. Her position in that brief, and her work on behalf of the U.S. Chamber Litigation Center, reflects a decidedly pro-business bent, though lawyers familiar with her career say that, like any attorney, she was tasked with advocating the interests of her clients. “Kate’s just always all about getting the right answer, even if it takes all night,” said Walker, her friend and former colleague. This story contains reporting from Associated Press writers Eric Tucker and Michael Biesecker.



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Denise Yvonne Miller

Oct 28, 1960 - Sept 23, 2020

Denise Yvonne Miller, 59, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:20 pm, Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at her home. She was born October 28, 1960 in Wabash, to William Curtis and Pauline (Powers) Ward.



Huttinger, Terrance Stafford, and Kamiah Stafford, and her mother, Pauline Ward, all of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her father, William Curtis Ward, and her brother, Richard Ward.

Denise was a 1979 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Jeffrey A. Miller in Wabash on December 23, 1978. Denise was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, going to casinos, camping, and was an avid Kentucky Wildcat Basketball Fan.

She is survived by her husband, Jeffrey A. Miller of Wabash, son, Jason (Diane) Miller of Fort Wayne, Indiana, four grandchildren, Kiana Miller, Mariah

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Monday, September 28, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hengten Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Charlie Easterday officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9:30-11 a.m. Monday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Denise's family to help with expenses.

The memorial guest book for Denise may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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weather dependent, said Hall. On Wednesday, Smyth said the sealing had begun "and they hope to be done by

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measures in place. Senior centers and congregate meal sites may open with precautions. Personal services and gyms and fitness centers may resume normal operations with social distancing safeguards and cleaning protocols in place," said Hoffmeyer.

Hoffmeyer said Holcomb also signed an executive order extending the public health emergency an additional 30 days.

For more information, visit BackOnTrack.in.gov or https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm.

Local figures

On Wednesday, the ISDH announced two new local COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 262, with 4,895 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 1.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 2.9 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH announced one new local COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County's total to 263, with 4,922 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 0.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 1.4 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH announced one new local COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County's total to 264, with 4,950 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 1.1 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 0.8 percent.

The state still reported eight local deaths.

Adjusted local counts

On at least four occasions during the past two weeks, the ISDH has adjusted Wabash County's total case count.

On Wednesday, Jeni O'Malley, ISDH deputy chief of staff and chief communications officer, said the most recent example of Wabash County adding two cases be-

the weekend."

"The pathway has been completed and they will be working on the parking lots next," said Smyth.

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tween Tuesday and Wednesday, but the total count only going up by one was the result of a patient who had duplicate patient IDs.

"When we identified the issue, they were merged into one today, which resulted in the change to the Wabash County counts," said O'Malley.

When asked about the other three similar such recent incidents, O'Malley referenced a statement by Dr. Kristina Box, state health commissioner, from the televised press conference earlier that day that "data corrections occur daily as duplications are removed and other information comes in and is verified."

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 1,195 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at the state laboratory, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 115,407 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

A total of 3,340 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 18 from the previous day. Another 226 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by the state and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 1,341,462 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 1,331,608 on Thursday. A total of 1,963,006 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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LANDOWNERS

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group put their newfound knowledge to the test as they were trying to tell the difference between a black locust, which is invasive, and a honey locust, which is not. (The key is to look at the thorns.) Adam Jones with the Nat-

ural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) also joined the group in the afternoon.

"He covered federal cost-share opportunities and what is available to the ladies as landowners. The day came to an end back at the Interpretive Center for desserts and closing statements," said Lahr-Manifold. "This Women's Conservation Learning Circle brought together land-

owners in an informal learning format for a women-only discussion. All the ladies that attended left feeling like they had gained knowledge about their land, how to manage it and the conservation practices available to them. Wabash and Miami Counties have had an overwhelmingly positive response to these women-only events and we will plan to continue them

in 2021."

Lahr-Manifold said the learning circles method of conservation outreach to women farmland owners and the activities used were developed by Women, Food and Agriculture Network for its Women Caring for the LandSM program.

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"hot-off-the-press" UWIN T-shirt. For more information and for advance registration, call 260-468-2127.

Final downtown Wabash Farmers' Market of 2020 open Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. For this final date of the year, there will be nearly 20 vendors, live music and free tractor rides. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution Wednesday

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 1 p.m. Wednesday at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. Distribution is while supplies last. All are welcome, regardless of home county or reason for need. No IDs, proof of address or income will be required. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

10th annual Honeywell Breast Cancer Awareness Scramble planned

The Honeywell Golf Course and the Ladies Golf Association (LGA) are hosting the 10th annual Honeywell Breast Cancer Awareness Scramble for men and women on Sunday, Oct. 4. The event begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start and concludes with prizes and a raffle for all players. There is a \$60 per player fee which includes golf

and cart, a gift bag and prizes. Also, there will be raffle opportunities. Proceeds benefit the 85 HOPE Mammogram Fund. Interested players or hole sponsors should call the Honeywell Golf Course at 260-563-8663 by Thursday, Oct. 1.

'Tox-a-way Day' coming to WCSWMD on Oct. 3

Wabash County residents are invited to participate in the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's (WCSWMD) upcoming Fall Clean Up and "Tox-a-way" Day from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at 1101 Manchester Ave. The following items free of charge: Electronics including TV's, computers (monitors and parts), vacuums, etc.; Appliances (Freon and non-Freon containing) such as refrigerators, air conditioners, washers, dryers, stoves, microwaves, etc.; tires - passenger car, light truck, ag, commercial and implement tires - please call if you have large quantities; home chemicals - cleaners, yard and garden, oil, etc. (The container can be exchanged but not emptied on the site.); paint, including latex; batteries; all mercury and mercury devices to include ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, switches and thermostats; propane tanks, grills, etc.; and expired or unused medications and sharps, which are used needles. (Sharps need to be in a thick, plastic disposable container and must have a sealed lid like a detergent bottle.) No furniture, mattresses, textiles or yard waste will be accepted. For questions, call 260-563-7649.

Annual Join the Y - Canned Food Drive begins

The Wabash County YMCA is once again partnering with F.I.S.H. of Wabash County to launch the Annual Join the Y - Canned Food Drive through Thursday, Oct. 15 at 500 S. Cass St. Similar to past years, those who donate a can of non-perishable food will receive a reduction of the joiner fee. For more information, visit wabashcountyyymca.org or call 260-563-9622.

Absentee voting applications now available

Voters who wish to vote absentee may visit indianavoters.com and complete an absentee application or they can call the clerk's office at 260-563-0661, ext. 1238 and request the form. Absentee voters may bring their ballot to the clerk's office by noon on Election Day.

Clerk's office announces early voting locations

Early voting at the Wabash County Clerk's office

will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday from Tuesday, Oct. 6 through noon Monday, Nov. 2. The office will also be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 24 and Oct. 31. The office will be closed Monday, Oct. 12 for Columbus Day. In addition to the clerk's office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 24 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 150 N. 2nd St., Somerset. In addition to the clerk's office, voting on Saturday, Oct. 31 will take place at the Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester; and the Liberty Township Fire Department, 12 S. Wabash Ave., Lafontaine.

Clerk's office announces Election Day voting locations

On Election Day, voting locations will include Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave.; First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.; Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; North Manchester Public Library, 405 N. Market St., North Manchester; Pleasant Township Fire Department, 10459 N. Ogden Road, Laketon; and Town Life Center, 603 N. Bond St., North Manchester.

Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management announced as 2020 Business of the Year

Grow Wabash County has announced that Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management has been selected as the 2020 Business of the Year. Halderman will be celebrated for this achievement from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Honeywell Center during Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration. Registration is now open for tickets and sponsorships. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/2020annualdinner, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Manchester University moves 2020 Commencement to fall

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to reopen Sunday, Nov. 15.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East, North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture). For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

DivorceCare begins weekly meetings again

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, "features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery." The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 S. State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Leader Janet Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call Quillen at 260-571-5235, or call 260-563-8453 or 877-350-1658; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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Opinion

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Ephesians 4:25

The Senate should wait to replace Justice Ginsburg

The death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg deprives the Supreme Court and the nation of a towering figure in the campaign to ensure equal justice under law. Her passing also creates an opportunity for President Trump, who already has appointed two justices, to name a replacement in the waning months of his term.

For the good of the country and the court, the Republican-controlled Senate should treat any Trump nominee, however well qualified, the same way the Senate treated President Obama's nominee to replace Justice Antonin Scalia in 2016. They should not act on any nomination until after the president elected in November is inaugurated, whether it be Trump or former Vice President Joe Biden.

Even before she became a judge, Ginsburg had spearheaded a push to transform how the law viewed discrimination on the basis of sex. She continued that witness after joining the court in 1993, writing the majority opinion in 1996 when the court ruled that the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection of the law meant that the Virginia Military Institute could not exclude women. Her role as a trailblazer and exemplar for women and a defender of women's rights cannot be overstated.

As the court moved right, she remained a champion of a vision of the law and the Constitution that promoted democracy rather than constricting it. When the conservative majority gutted an important provision of the Voting Rights Act in 2013, Ginsburg wrote a powerful dissent that mocked the majority's quixotic confidence that federal protections for minorities at the ballot box were no longer necessary. Throwing out federal scrutiny of potentially discriminatory election practices because it had worked, she said, was like "throwing away your umbrella

in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet."

Like Scalia, her longtime friend and colleague, Ginsburg died during a presidential election year marked by divisiveness, cultural conflict and partisan acrimony. When Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refused to allow the Senate to consider any Obama nominee, this editorial page criticized him for his argument that the seat must be left unfilled so that the voters could have a say in the selection of the next justice. We called it "self-serving sophistry."

McConnell's rationale for blocking consideration of Judge Merrick Garland, Obama's exquisitely well-qualified choice to replace Scalia, should lead him to delay any action on a Trump nominee. Not surprisingly, McConnell isn't displaying such consistency. On Friday night, he said that "President Trump's nominee will receive a vote on the floor of the United States Senate," although he didn't specify whether a vote would be taken before the election or in a lame-duck session. (McConnell disingenuously suggested, as he has before, that 2020 is different from 2016 because the Senate and the White House are controlled by the same party.)

Under the Constitution, Trump has the right to nominate a replacement for Ginsburg, just as Obama had the right to try to replace Scalia. A president's constitutional authority does not decline as the end of a term approaches, like a light with a dimmer switch. But there are several reasons for the Senate not to act.

Scalia died in February of 2016, and Obama nominated Garland on March 16, giving the Senate ample time to consider his nomination for a lifetime seat on the nation's highest court and conduct an appropriate public vetting. It is now September, and senators

are in campaign mode. With the pre-election recess fast approaching, senators can't reasonably argue that there is enough time for a thorough confirmation process.

But even if there were time, other considerations argue for delay. The country is more sharply divided than in 2016, thanks in large part to the demagoguery of the incumbent president, who has fanned the flames of bigotry at a time of a reckoning over America's legacy of racism.

The Supreme Court, meanwhile, faces a crisis of confidence. Despite the admirable efforts of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. to build consensus, the court is widely viewed as a partisan institution. That is partly the result of the way Democratic appointees often vote one way and Republican appointees another, but it also reflects the poisonous partisanship that has infected the Supreme Court confirmation process. Few nominees of either party can expect to be approved by overwhelming bipartisan majorities, as Scalia and Ginsburg were.

Senate action on a Trump nominee so close to the election – and in the shadow of the Senate's refusal in 2016 to act on Obama's nominee – would exacerbate partisan divisions and plunge the court even further into partisan politics. So, too, would confirming a justice in a lame duck session if Trump does not win reelection.

There is another way: Republican Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Susan Collins of Maine suggested before the announcement of Ginsburg's death that it might be too close to the election for a confirmation vote on a Supreme Court nominee. If even a few more Republican senators prudently recognize the need for delay, the country and the court will be better off.

— This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.

The real problem with our national debt

Most every chat I have about the U.S. economy inevitably turns to the size of the national debt. Of course, this used to be an issue that mattered to those who called themselves conservatives, but that was in an earlier, more innocent time. Before

Michael Hicks



I lament the recent dissolution of reason on this issue, it's important to explain how the debt does and does not matter.

The most dishonest argument about the debt compares government to a business or household. The argument, most famously made by Ross Perot, is both silly and dangerous. It is silly because families and businesses borrow money. Indeed, many financial advisors will say it is wise to borrow

money to buy a home that is worth between 2.5 and 3.0 times your family's annual income. The U.S. has a debt that is about equal to one year of GDP.

The comparison of government debt to family or household debt is dangerous because it fails to recognize the special role of government. Government provides goods and services that should outlast every household and business. Chief among these is national security, but other examples include an interstate highway system and a public health infrastructure. By their very nature, these investments are lumpy but durable. So, as with the purchase of a home or college education, they warrant taking on debt.

The real concern with our national debt should devolve to two issues. The first is that too much debt risks slowing economic growth. The second is that the composition of the debt does little to support economic growth.

A number of macroeconomic studies indict high debt as a factor in slowing economic growth. But, there is little good evidence of a threshold of debt at which growth slows. Japan's public debt is 2.5 times that of the U.S., and their growth is significantly slower than the U.S., but Singapore's debt is 50 percent higher than the U.S., and their economy has been growing briskly. China, which reports very high growth, has public debt far, far worse than the U.S. did at their level of development. Few issues in economics face as much disagreement as the level at which debt is harmful to economic growth, but there is simply no meaningful evidence that we are at such a threshold today.

The composition of the debt is a more meaningful problem. In earlier times, when the debt was large, much of the spending was concentrated in either wartime spending or stimulus spending that focused on public investments. Sure, there was wasteful spending. All things equal, few things are more wasteful to spend tax dollars on than say, a bomb or land mine. However, our big periods of debt growth accrued to these types of spending, such as defeating the twin evils of Nazism and Communism or the Works Progress Administration.

This does not mean that military spending or counter-cyclical fiscal policy are beyond criticism. We've probably done too much of both, but that is not always apparent in hindsight, much less when staring into the abyss of war or recession. What I do mean is that the biggest policy challenges we have now are not mostly caused by spending to counter recessions or fight wars. Most of the growing debt today surrounds social programs.

It is not a critique of social programs or anti-poverty measures to note that they don't typically cause long-term economic growth. We should be paying for them mostly out of current tax dollars, not through borrowing, and yet, that is precisely what we now do.

That means the real budget problem the U.S. faces is simple honesty about our budgets during good times. Nothing better exemplifies this than the last years of the Obama Administration, and the entirety of the Trump era. In 2009, in the midst of the Great Recession, Congress passed an \$856 billion stimulus bill. Most Americans should remember this because it helped birth the Tea Party movement and allowed the GOP to label President Obama as a historically expensive president. Memories are short.

A decade later, in what President Trump labeled as the "greatest economy in history" Congress passed a spending bill that added more than \$1.02 trillion to the debt. So, in a fully recovered economy, in a nation led by a GOP president, with a Senate majority, the U.S. passed a routine spending bill that added more debt than the Stimulus plan in the Great Recession. But there is more.

In the two previous budgets, in 2017 and 2018, with the GOP holding the Presidency and both houses of Congress, routine budget bills added more than \$1.5 trillion to the national debt. This at a time when the president declared the economy was experiencing "all-time highs." Irony is dead.

The nation's problem with the debt is not that we occasionally must write a big check to defeat some global despot or help rescue ourselves from an economic downturn or pandemic. The real problem is much simpler. In the best of times, when the party that has long claimed the mantle of fiscal probity has full political power, they wreck the budget.

The future will soon demand we face this problem head-on. In good times, we are going to have to either cut a trillion dollars of annual spending, or add a trillion dollars of taxes. That won't cut the debt; it'll just stop adding to it. We cannot pretend this will be easy, nor do we have to solve all the budget problems right away. We do need a lengthy slew of honesty to arise around the process.

Conceptually, this is neither novel nor hard. The Bible, in Genesis 41, offers a fairly good example of counter-cyclical fiscal policy. In it, Joseph interprets the pharaoh's dream of seven lean and seven fat cows as indicating an agricultural cycle. Given power over stores of grain, Joseph put aside a share of the abundant crops in preparation for the lean years. Today, the budgetary process is more complex and intertwined than that described in the Old Testament. A robust democracy enjoys a lot more voices and diffuse power than a pharaoh's empire. Still, like Joseph, we could do better at adjusting our budget for the inevitable fat and lean years. But, when it comes to the basics of fiscal policy, it sure seems like someone has been reading the Bible upside down.

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LETTERS

Propaganda disinformation of demagogues

Trump uses propaganda disinformation against our democratic institutions. He attacks our court systems, the FBI, intelligence agencies, Mueller's investigation of Russian meddling in our election, the Ukraine episode, the Justice Department, news media and our military. Trump refers to journalists as "enemies of the people," which was a phrase used by Stalin in Communist Russia. Like other demagogues, Trump is trying to impose his distorted will on the public and the press. His wild statements pander to far-right radicals who espouse un-American ideology, including the neo-Nazis in Charlottesville, Virginia who Trump called fine people.

Trump has threatened the use of U.S. military forces to quell protests by U.S. citizens. Members of his administration, Congress and retired generals have expressed grave concern with this attack on our democracy and

Constitution.

Trump's distorted rantings and disinformation are similar to past WWII dictators and current dictators who conceal the truth from their countrymen. Trump has lied about contact with Russia, the Ukraine, the coronavirus pandemic, and a host of other things. The Washington Post reported he lied about 20,000 times during his presidency.

Our democracy is under threat by a demagogic president.

**Donald Moskowitzz
Londonderry,
New Hampshire**

To restore a sense of decency to the United States, rise and vote

President Trump, you have had almost four years to lead the United States and have failed us by your choosing. Whether it be in foreign policy and domestic policy you have not protected the United States as Commander-in-Chief.

Now comes the latest news about your complete disre-

spect for our military and total disregard for the COVID-19 virus. We the American people have finally borne witness to what happens when they place an incompetent business leader into the Oval Office. Quality of life is not a business decision sir but rather it is a humane choice to be empathetic to those who cannot help themselves.

Joe Biden has that empathy and will return the United States to the era when we were respected internationally because of how we treat our citizens domestically.

This election is a clear choice between those who have never had it so good and those of us who know we can do better. Joe Biden will lead us there.

Fellow citizens, exercise your right to vote to preserve your sacred heritage, promote your children's future and obtain the blessings of liberty we all cherish.

To restore a sense of decency to the United States, rise and vote.

**Joe Bialek
Cleveland**

2020 WABASH COUNTY 4-H FAIR RESULTS CONTINUED

STAFF REPORT

(Editor's note: The following results of the 2020 Wabash County 4-H Fair were provided to the Plain Dealer by the Purdue Extension Wabash County. The format for each entry under each category path is as follows: exhibitor number; exhibitor name (last name first), entry number, the entry description (if applicable), ribbon color (if applicable), place number, awards and club name. This edition comprises only a partial list of results. The first batch was published in a special section on Saturday, Sept. 19. The rest of the results will be published in future editions of the newspaper.)

Home Environment (HE)

31011: Grade 3-5, Level 1, Furniture (HE)
729; Satterthwaite, Holten; 1253; Orange; State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
31021: Grade 6-8, Level 2, Furniture (HE)
744; Kirk, Fritz; 1366; Orange; State Fair; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
31031: Grade 9-12, Level 3, Furniture (HE)
470; Hernandez, Sydni; 211; Orange; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
242; Yard, Karrigan; 1168; Red; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
241; Yard, Erika; 1182; Red; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
728; Satterthwaite, Faye; 1247; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club

Lawn and Garden
Tractor Operator Skills (LO)

34021: Grade 3-7, Junior (LO)
564; Dyson, Lucas; 656; Yellow; 5; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
53; French, Levi; 820; Pink; 4; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
196; Shellhamer, Logan; 1079; Blue; 1; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
195; Shellhamer, Eli; 1248; White; 3; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
883; Williams, Zachary; 2030; Green; 6; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
783; Cordes, Isaiah; 2326; Red; 2; Alternate State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
34022: Grade 8-12, Senior (LO)
563; Dyson, Ethan; 650; Blue; 1; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
130; McKillip, Alyssa; 1304; Red; 2; Alternate State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
828; Stephens, Turner; 1781; White; 3; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance

Photography (PH)

37011: Grade 3-5, Level 1, Black & White Prints (PH)
924; Macy, Ashlyn; 2227; Blue; Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
37012: Grade 3-5, Level 1, Color Prints (PH)
435; Shoue, Elijah; 239; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
483; Brewer, Kaitlyn; 279; Blue; Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
557; Kroft, Presley; 534; Orange; Crimson Clovers 4-H Club
560; Kroft, Jensen; 545; Orange; Crimson Clovers 4-H Club
576; Floor, Breckon; 589; Orange; Reserve County Champion, State Fair; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
593; Pinkerton, Noah; 648; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Chester Champs 4-H Club
202; Snavelly, Megan; 713; Orange; Richvalley Pioneers 4-H Club
769; Oldfather, Jorden; 1491; Blue; Chester Champs 4-H Club
636; Kelley, Alyson; 1585; Blue 637; Kelley, Elexis; 1586; Orange
28; Collins, Allie; 1857; Blue; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
883; Williams, Zachary; 2027; Blue; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
790; Weitzel, Carson; 2337; Orange; County Champion, State Fair; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
37021: Grade 6-8, Level 2, Black & White Prints (PH)
30; Collins, Hailey; 1864; Blue; County Champion; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
37022: Grade 6-8, Level 2, Color Prints (PH)
955; Crozier, Myla; 86; Blue; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
541; Drake, Grace; 379; Blue; Richvalley Pioneers 4-H Club

690; Gusmano, Isabella; 1172; Red; Wabash County 4-H Vet ScienceClub
122; Marcum, Makayla; 1510; Red; Squires & Squelettes 4-H Club
117; Lovell, Annika; 2039; Blue; Crimson Clovers 4-H Club
784; Saldana, Izabella; 2324; Blue; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
18; Boone, Elijah; 2372; Orange; County Champion, State Fair
37023: Grade 6-8, Level 2, Color Salon Print (PH)
495; Gray, Hank; 312; Red; Tip Top 4-H Club
566; Lambert, Ashlynn; 559; Red; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
588; Hodson, Anna; 631; Orange; County Champion, State Fair; Richvalley Pioneers 4-H Club
133; McKillip, Riley; 702; Blue; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
663; Finney, Courtney; 1001; Blue; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
672; Ford, Grant; 1027; Blue; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
826; LeMaster, Natalie; 1905; Blue; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
903; Wright, Marlie; 2080; Blue; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
923; Macy, Shelby; 2221; Blue; Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
24; Chamberlain, Carston; 2257; Orange; Reserve County Champion, State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
99; Kamphues, Karsyn; 2307; Blue
37024: Grade 6-8, Level 2, Black & White Salon Print (PH)
548; Oldfather, Sierra; 505; Blue; Chester Champs 4-H Club
91; Howard, Maya; 621; Orange; Alternate State Fair, Reserve County Champion; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
229; Warnock, Emma; 991; Orange; County Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
37031: Grade 9-12, Level 3, Black & White Prints (PH)
242; Yard, Karrigan; 1166; Red 25; Chamberlain, Courtney; 2264; Orange; Alternate State Fair, County Champion; Tip Top 4-H Club
37032: Grade 9-12, Level 3, Color Prints (PH)
980; Drasny, Blake; 87; Blue; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
242; Yard, Karrigan; 1167; Red 825; Pyle, Emma; 1820; Orange; Alternate State Fair, County Champion; Chester Champs 4-H Club
37033: Grade 9-12, Level 3, Color Salon Print (PH)
442; Winer, Alix; 136; Blue; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
470; Hernandez, Sydni; 212; Blue; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
494; Gray, Evelyn; 311; Blue; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
187; Runkel, Torina; 558; Blue; Chester Champs 4-H Club
567; Lambert, Makenlie; 560; Blue; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
226; Tracy, Eric; 638; Blue; Speedy Clovers 4-H Club
101; Kelley, Gracen; 640; Blue; Lucky Horseshoes 4-H Club
671; Ford, David; 1024; Orange; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
716; Sparks, Christie; 1195; Orange; County Champion, Grand Champion, State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
724; Satterthwaite, Ella; 1243; Blue; Tip Top 4-H Club
745; Kirk, Luke; 1372; Red; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
143; Miller, Alayna; 1929; Blue; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
72; Hauptert, Meredith; 2193; Orange; Reserve County Champion, State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
37034: Grade 9-12, Level 3, Black & White Salon Print (PH)
412; Mason, Carina; 43; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Richvalley Pioneers 4-H Club
37034: Grade 9-12, Level 3, Black & White Salon Print (PH)
498; Hauptert, Nicole; 331; Orange; Chester Champs 4-H Club
187; Runkel, Torina; 557; Orange; State Fair; Chester Champs 4-H Club
101; Kelley, Gracen; 641; Orange; Lucky Horseshoes 4-H Club
642; Proffitt, MaKenna; 895; Orange; Honor Group; Crimson Clovers 4-H Club
673; Ford, Robert; 1030; Orange; Reserve County Champion, State Fair; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
716; Sparks, Christie; 1196; Blue; Tip Top 4-H Club
742; Kelley, Daisy; 1359; Blue; Lucky Horseshoes 4-H Club
745; Kirk, Luke; 1373; Blue; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
75; Helfin, Sydney; 1545; Blue; Crimson Clovers 4-H Club
904; Wright, Trey; 2089; Blue;

Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
25; Chamberlain, Courtney; 2265; Orange; Tip Top 4-H Club
37035: Grade 9-12, Level 3, Creative-Experimental Digital Salon Print (PH)
671; Ford, David; 1025; Blue; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club

Poultry Poster or Display (PP)

39011: Grade 3-5, Level 1, Poster (PP)
895; Bretzman, Addison; 2010; Orange; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
39021: Grade 6-8, Level 2, Poster (PP)
122; Marcum, Makayla; 1512; Orange; State Fair; Squires & Squelettes 4-H Club
39031: Grade 9-12, Level 3, Poster (PP)
121; Marcum, Caden; 1505; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Squires & Squelettes 4-H Club
79; Hippensteel, Kayla; 2189; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club

Rabbit Poster (RP)

44011: Grade 3-5, Level 1 (RP)
239; Wood, Khyla; 2370; Orange; Reserve County Champion
44021: Grade 6-8, Level 2 (RP)
117; Lovell, Annika; 2057; Orange; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair
44031: Grade 9-12, Level 3 (RP)
186; Roth, Mckenzie; 1657; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club

Sewing Construction (SC)

45011: Grade 3, Wearable (SC)
473; Wright, Avery; 256; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Dog Club
45012: Grade 3, Non-Wearable (SC)
193; Schuler, Kinley; 1785; Orange; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Horse & Pony Club
45021: Grade 4, Wearable (SC)
45; Easterday, Megan; 318; Orange; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Poultry Club
17; Boone, Adeline; 347; Orange; Wabash County 4-H Rabbit Club
42; Dawes, Montgomrie; 608; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
45031: Grade 5, Wearable (SC)
714; Bretzman, Kiana; 1184; Orange; State Fair
74; Hauptert, Vivian; 2358; Orange; Alternate State Fair
45032: Grade 5, Non-Wearable (SC)
687; Ranck, Olivia; 1137; Orange; State Fair; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
45041: Grade 6, Wearable (SC)
903; Wright, Marlie; 2081; Blue; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
45042: Grade 6, Non-Wearable (SC)
169; Renz, Elizabeth; 579; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
903; Wright, Marlie; 2082; Orange; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
45051: Grade 7, Wearable (SC)
61; Greer, Macy; 250; Orange; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair
45061: Grade 8-12, Wearable, Informal or Casual Wear (SC)
68; Hauptert, Gabreil; 2357; Orange; State Fair
45063: Grade 8-12, Wearable, Suit or Coat (SC)
724; Satterthwaite, Ella; 1242; Orange; State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
45064: Grade 8-12, Wearable, Separates (SC)
32; Copeland, Ava; 745; Orange; State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
45065: Grade 8-12, Wearable, Formal Wear (SC)
558; Miller, Haylie; 542; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
111; Krom, Jenna; 922; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
45066: Grade 8-12, Wearable, Free Choice (SC)
110; Krom, Jaycie; 918; Orange; State Fair; Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
902; Wright, Lexi; 2069; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
45072: Grade 9, Non-Wearable (SC)
77; Henderson, Delani; 890; Orange; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair; Chester Champs 4-H Club
926; Harden, Olivia; 2250; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Wabash Clovers 4-H Club
128; Mays, Kayla; 1887; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Lucky Horseshoes 4-H Club

Shooting Sports Education (SS)

46011: Grade 3-5, Level 1 (SS)
195; Shellhamer, Eli; 1064; Orange; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
786; Haecker, Kedryk; 2278; Blue
933; Haecker, Kiptyn; 2280; Blue; Squires & Squelettes 4-H Club
46021: Grade 6-8, Level 2 (SS)
713; Eviston, Luke; 939; Orange; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
196; Shellhamer, Logan; 1075; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
46031: Grade 9-12, Level 3 (SS)
176; Rody, Kaden; 796; Orange; Alternate State Fair, Reserve Grand Champion; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports
175; Rody, Ashlyn; 809; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Shooting Sports

Small Engines (SE)

47021: Grade 6-8, Level 2 (SE)
744; Kirk, Fritz; 1368; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club

Soil and Water Science (SW)

48011: Grade 3-5, Level 1 (SW)
499; Loshier, Liam; 328; Blue; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair; Crimson Clovers 4-H Club
48021: Grade 6-8, Level 2 (SW)
120; Lyons, Mason; 424; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Speedy Clovers 4-H Club

Sport Fishing (SF)

49011: Grade 3-5, Level 1 (SF)
790; Weitzel, Carson; 2336; Orange; State Fair; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
49021: Grade 6-8, Level 2 (SF)
485; Brewer, William; 283; Orange; Alternate State Fair; Speedy Clovers 4-H Club

164; Pratt, Kameron; 1078; Orange; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair ; Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
49031: Grade 9-12, Level 3 (SF)
176; Rody, Kaden; 794; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club

Tractor Operator Skills (TO)

50011: Grade 3-7, Junior (TO)
586; Hodson, Nathaniel; 629; Green; 6; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
125; Martin, Jaxsen; 684; Blue; 1; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
96; Shellhamer, Logan; 1077; White; 3; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
63; Hanes, Emme; 1584; Pink; 4; Wabash County 4-H Horse & Pony Club
883; Williams, Zachary; 2032; Yellow; 5; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
985; Sellers, Collyn; 2323; Red; 2; Alternate State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
50012: Grade 8-12, Senior (TO)
237; Wilcox, Carter; 1543; Blue; 1; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance

Tractor Safety Education (TP)

51011: Grade 3-4, Level A (TP)
223; Taylor Jr., Casey; 2331; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance

Veterinary Science (VS)

52011: Grade 3-5, Level 1 (VS)
63; Hanes, Emme; 1580; Blue; State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Horse & Pony Club
52021: Grade 6-8, Level 2 (VS)
595; Stanton, Kristian; 665; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Wabash County 4-H Vet ScienceClub
686; Wilcox, Kamryn; 1133; Orange; Wabash County 4-H Vet ScienceClub

693; Gusmano, Samantha; 1150; Blue; Wabash County 4-H Vet ScienceClub
690; Gusmano, Isabella; 1169; Blue; Wabash County 4-H Vet ScienceClub
243; Wilson, Hannah; 2315; Orange; Tip Top 4-H Club
985; Sellers, Collyn; 2321; Red; Wabash County 4-H Club Tractor Maintenance
52031: Grade 9-12, Level 3 (VS)
225; Thomlison, Summer; 177; Orange; Wabash County 4-H Vet ScienceClub
104; King, Justus; 248; Blue
165; Pratt, Karson; 1034; Orange; State Fair; Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club
186; Roth, Mckenzie; 1658; Blue; Wabash County 4-H Vet ScienceClub

Weather and Climate Science (WC)

53011: Grade 3-5, Level 1 (WC)
576; Floor, Breckon; 585; Orange; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair; Laketon Cloverleaves 4-H Club
53021: Grade 6-8, Level 2 (WC)
119; Lyons, Logan; 418; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Speedy Clovers 4-H Club

Wildlife (WI)

54011: Grade 3-5, Level 1 (WI)
87; Hoover, Ethan; 2017; Orange; Reserve Grand Champion, State Fair; Tip Top 4-H Club
54021: Grade 6-8, Level 2 (WI)
501; Hauptert, Taylor; 337; Orange; State Fair; Chester Champs 4-H Club
927; Harden, Wyatt; 2234; Orange; Clovers 4-H Club
54031: Grade 9-12, Level 3 (WI)
176; Rody, Kaden; 795; Orange; Alternate State Fair; LaFontaine Future Farmers 4-H Club
165; Pratt, Karson; 1038; Orange; Grand Champion, State Fair; Chippewa Challengers 4-H Club

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Wabash hosts Apache varsity cross country invite

TRC for Wabash and Northfield will be 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at Tippecanoe Valley

By ALINA REED
Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

Runners from Wabash and Northfield took on the intense home course of Wabash, the City Park, on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

This course is known for its mentally and physically draining hills.

At the gunshot, the Lady Apaches were determined to place. Running for Wabash were senior Sierra Hall, freshman Calisen Kugler and sophomore Grace La Mar. The girls ran their first 2 miles quickly while mentally preparing for the last brutal mile.

"The Trail of Tears' by the Senior Center is where you're the most tired and feels never-ending," said Hall.

The Lady Apache finished with one medalist and two ribbons among the three athletes. Racing with nineteen athletes, Kugler finished fourth overall with a time of 25:57. Following was Hall, racing the last home race of her career, placing 12th overall with a time of 27:42. La Mar followed in 16th place with a new season PR of 30:12.

"A highlight from tonight would be being able to race on my home course one last time, spending time with my other seniors celebrating our accomplishments together, and finally having spectators at a meet. I'm now in the mindset for sectionals in hopes of running a fast time to move onto regionals," said Hall.

Running for the Northfield varsity girls were freshman, Mara Zolman, who took first place overall with a time of 22:57. Following was Jenna Krom, with fourth, Trinity Bever took fifth, Anna Kissel took eighth and Emma Hoover took 12th.

Once the varsity girls finished, varsity boys were up. After battling the excruciating hills, Wabash boys took first place overall.

Finishing first overall, not only for Wabash but the entire meet, was senior, Zack Reed.



Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer

Zack Reed and Jarret Wilson force strides up "Cry Baby Hill."

"The highlights of tonight's race were the fact that the team did well. Our course is very tough and we use it to our advantage against other schools. My main goal for this season is to advance to the semi-state race held at Huntington University and run my heart out to qualify for the state meet," said Reed.

Following was Jarret Wilson with second overall and Dave Ford with third overall. Also finishing for Wabash were Caelan McDougale, Troy Guenin-Hudson, Trevor Daughtry, Kaden Vogel, Nick Perkins, Lincoln Saldivar, Sammy Smith, Ethan Berry and Braydon

French.

Running for Northfield boys were Andrew Burns, Grant Dale, Clay Herring, Ben Kissel, Alex Reed, Karson Pratt, Ryan Brunnett, Brandon McKillip, and Tristan Barlow. Northfield boys finished third overall in the invitational.

The Apaches will be racing at TRC at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at Tippecanoe Valley.

Catch the Before taking on TRC, the Norse will race at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Whitko.

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Provided photo

Austin Arnold competes Tuesday.

Manchester men's tennis topped by Trine on Tuesday

Spartans will travel to Angola on Saturday for a rematch with the Thunder

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's tennis team swung into action for the first time during the 2020-21 academic year on Tuesday afternoon. The Spartans hosted regional-foe Trine University at the MU Tennis Courts.

Trine topped the Spartans 9 to 0 on Tuesday afternoon.

In doubles action, the duo of Isaac Miller and Samuel Hollingsworth tested the top duo from Trine. Miller and Hollingsworth closed to within 6-5 before Aaron Streit and Ryan Smith earned a hard-fought 8-5 victory at no. 1 doubles.

At the no. 1 singles flight, Isaac Miller, from Millersburg and Fairfield High School, dropped a highly competitive match to Trine's Isaac Everitt,

6-2, 6-4.

Sophomore Austin Arnold, from Coatesville and South Putnam High School, won his first set at the no. 4 position, 6-4, against Trine's Ryan Smith. Smith battled for a 7-5 victory in the second set and the pair were

gridlocked in a tiebreaker in the third set. An injury forced Arnold to retire in the third set.

Blake Rentschler, from Hammond and Bishop Noll High School, managed to

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Manchester's Maddy Russow competes Wednesday.

Trine tops Manchester in women's tennis action Wednesday

Teams will meet again Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women's tennis team returned to action on Wednesday afternoon. The Spartans hosted regional-foe Trine at the MU Tennis Courts. The visiting Thunder topped Manchester by a final tally of 9 to 0. Manchester (0-2) and Trine (4-0) will meet again at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 in Angola. *Dillon Bender is sports information director for Manchester University.*

TENNIS

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win four games in the second set of his no. 5 singles matchup against Trine's Drew Dixon. Trine improved to 2-2 on this fall. The Spartans (0-1) will travel to Angola at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, for a rematch with the Thunder. *Dillon Bender is sports information director for Manchester University.*

Manchester men's and women's cross country turn in strong performances in fall opener

The competition was the first for the student-athletes in over half a year

By DILLON BENDER

For the first time in over six months, student-athletes donning the Manchester University black and gold colors were able to compete against someone other than themselves. The Manchester University cross country teams traveled to Bluffton University in Ohio on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 12. The Spartans faced off against the host Beavers and the Transylvania University Pioneers in tri-meet action. Both genders ran a 3,200-meter run followed by a mixed-gender 4-by-400-meter relay. The men won the meet after posting a team score of 36 points. Transylvania was a close second with 40 points. Bluffton totaled 50 points. Freshman Connor Havens, from LaPorte, led the Black and Gold with a second-place finish. He posted a time of 9:58.8. Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, and Thomas Richardson, from Ladoga and Southmont High School, placed fourth



Provided photo
The men won the meet after posting a team score of 36 points.



Provided photo
The women won the meet after posting a team score of 19 points.

and fifth after posting respective times of 10:09.8 and 10:21.9. Alex Wade, from Carmel, was the fourth Spartan to cross the finish line on Saturday afternoon. Wade finished 11th overall with a time of 10:43.7. Senior JT Butler, from Knightstown, placed 14th and posted a time of 11:01.6. The women won the meet after

posting a team score of 19 points. Bluffton finished second with 53 points. Transylvania tallied 57 points. Manchester went 1-2-3 overall and had six women earn top 10 finishes on Saturday afternoon. Sophomore Hannah Brubaker, from Goshen and NorthWood High School, landed the top overall spot after posting a time of 12:19.3. Fellow sophomore Lauren Smith, from Anderson and Lapel High School, placed second with a time of 12:24.7. Kelsey Tyler, from Rochester, finished third with a time of 12:37.1. Fiona Frost, from Indianapolis and Lawrence Central High School, and Dinah Gilbert, from Elkhart and Memorial High School, placed sixth and seventh after posting respective times of 12:55.7 and 12:56.3. Sydney Young, from Patoka and Princeton High School, finished 10th on Saturday following a time of 13:29.6. The Manchester University cross country teams are slated to have two more in-person meets this fall. The Spartans will host Bluffton in the new Spartan Stadium in a dual meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. for another tri-meet. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director at Manchester University.*

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STAFF REPORT

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Sept. 27, at Asbury Country Church, Sunday school will take place at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service will take place at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message, from Pastor Mike Bullick, will be, “One Heart, Undivided.”

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Sept. 27 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards’ scripture reading will be Ephesians 5:22-33 with a sermon reflection titled, “Husbands and Wives.” Worship service is streamed live every Sunday on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone’s sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under “College Corner Brethren Church.”

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Sept. 27

service at Dora Christian Church, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and organist Kristy Good. We have two morning Sunday services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s message for this Sunday will be, “Jesus is Coming Soon,” from Matthew 24:36-44. The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Frieden. Children’s Church is provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, with John Troyer and Janene Wisniewski teaching this week. If you can’t make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski’s sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at facebook.com/wabashfirstumc.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their

Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist worship services are at 10 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday school at 9 a.m. at 5848 E. 500 South. For more information, email Pastor John Cool at pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Online services only at www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer’s will have service for Sunday, Sept. 27 in our church at 9 a.m. along with being on Facebook. The sermon is from Matthew 24:36-44 titled, “Thief In The Night.” We will be celebrating September birthdays.

St. Bernard Catholic Church

Masses have resumed, with safety restrictions. Everyone attending Mass must wear a facemask. Masses are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Saturdays; 9:30 a.m. Sundays; 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 8:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

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Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbana.yokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Victory Christian Fellowship

“Intercessory Prayer: How God Can Use Your Prayers to Move Heaven and Earth,” an eight-session DVD series with accompanying notes, will begin at 7 p.m. each Wednesday through Nov. 11 at 112 W. Main St., North Manchester. There is no fee for the series. For further information, call 260-982-8357.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers streaming at 9:30 a.m. Sundays both on their website

at wabashchristian.org and Facebook page, Wabash Christian Church. The minister is Rev. Haley Asberry.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Wabash First Church of God

The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11:30 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM.

Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann’s Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

FIRE

From page A1

terday at the fire, so I’ve got the fire marshal coming in today so we can try to figure out what the bang was and what caused the fire.”

Wuensch said it took about three hours to extinguish the flames because the structure was collapsing and utilities were still connected when crews arrived around

12:40 p.m.

“We got it shot down real quick and cooled off, but our hangup was that we had to wait for the power company to come because the meter was still hot on the building and it kept blowing sparks at us,” Wuensch said. “We had to try and protect ourselves from that while putting the rest of the fire out, trying to get the fire completely knocked out.”

Crews deemed the struc-

ture unsafe shortly after arriving on the scene because the roof had collapsed and the side walls were caving in. Wuensch said he retrieved his excavator so that crews could extinguish the hot spots and flames inside.

“We ended up pulling the front off of it and pushing the side walls over it with my excavator to get the fire completely out,” he said.

No one was injured during the fire.

“No one was in the structure when it happened,” he said.

The pole barn is not salvageable, Wuensch said, but firefighters report that the property owner does have insurance on the structure.

“They lost everything, classic cars – everything,” Wuensch said.

Wuensch said firefighters have to be extra cautious when fighting pole barn fires because the structures lack

the support that homes and traditional buildings have.

“When the trusses caved in, it pulled the sidewalls and both end walls in toward the structure, so everything was coming in on top of each other,” he said.

Huntington Township Volunteer Fire Department, Mt. Etna Volunteer Fire Department, Bippus Volunteer Fire Department and Lagro Volunteer Fire Department all responded to the scene.

Wuensch thanked all of the first responders who helped extinguish the fire.

“During the day, all volunteer fire departments are short-handed. Come 4 p.m., we have firemen out the ying-yang, but during the day every volunteer fire department in this county is short-handed,” he said.

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Applications are available at the Van Buren Town Hall location.

White Space Sells

Wife starts to resent man’s constant demands for gifts

DEAR ABBY: I feel uncomfortable receiving gifts, and I find it hard to meet my husband’s requests for constant gifts, especially when I feel I already give so much. He constantly asks me to buy him things, some of which are very expensive.

I’m a saver, not a spender, and I try to watch my budget. I already pay all the household bills, even though we make the same amount of money. I owned my house before we met, and he chips in with occasional upgrades and maintenance or takes me out to dinner once in a while. But I pay for the vast majority of expenses, as well as perform the majority of chores. I have sacrificed and paid for all our vacations because I wanted the experience, and I accept that.

The problem is, he seems to feel unappreciated, suggesting that if I gifted him more often, he would know he was constantly thought of. He says he buys me random gifts – usually small items to which there are strings attached or implied reciprocity. These requests, especially when he buys for himself quite a bit, seem like a smack in the face to me. I feel he’s impulsive with purchases, and won’t be happy until I have nothing left.

How do I handle meeting my husband’s need for constant validation without going bankrupt or having all the love sucked out from resentment? Mentioning my financial limitations doesn’t seem to quench his thirst for more. — Excessive In New York

DEAR EXCESSIVE: If my reading of your letter is accurate, you are doing all the heavy lifting in your marriage. What, exactly, is your husband contributing except to ask for more? Gifts are supposed to be freely given, not dispensed because they are requested.

Whether your husband is greedy, selfish or extremely needy, I can’t guess, but the balance is off in your marriage. This is why I’m recommending you consult a marriage and family therapist. If your husband is willing to go with you and discuss these issues, they can be resolved. If not, please go alone so you can gain clearer insight into what (and whom) you are dealing with.

DEAR ABBY: My mother likes to tell people where to sit at every family gathering. It can be anywhere, including at a restaurant or even at my aunt’s house. It’s annoying and feels disrespectful.

I’m 49, and my girls are in their early 20s. I try to be patient, but she doesn’t consider health conditions or if someone is left-handed.

My older daughter was severely traumatized by a former neighbor and doesn’t do well with strangers. A few years ago, my cousin’s boyfriend came, and my mother ordered my daughter to sit next to him. It was horrible for my daughter. We tried one more time last year at a restaurant, and it was the same. Since then, we have skipped family gatherings. I don’t know why she feels she has to tell us what to do. Please help. — Pushed Around In Kentucky

DEAR PUSHED: Have you talked to your mother about this? She may, for whatever reason, need to feel she is in control. If she isn’t hosting the gathering, this may be her way of maintaining dominance in her relationship with her sister, her children and grandchildren.

I’m not sure you can change your mother, but please don’t cut yourself off from the rest of your family. If you aren’t seeing them individually, please consider it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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ACROSS

- 1 Pub pints
- 5 Spanish painter
- 9 Ka-pow!
- 12 Sweater makings
- 13 Was in debt
- 14 Bravo
- 15 Millay or Ferber
- 16 Con
- 17 Harsh cry
- 18 Cut the cake
- 20 Click “send” (hyph.)
- 22 Cartoon shrieks
- 23 Proper, as respect
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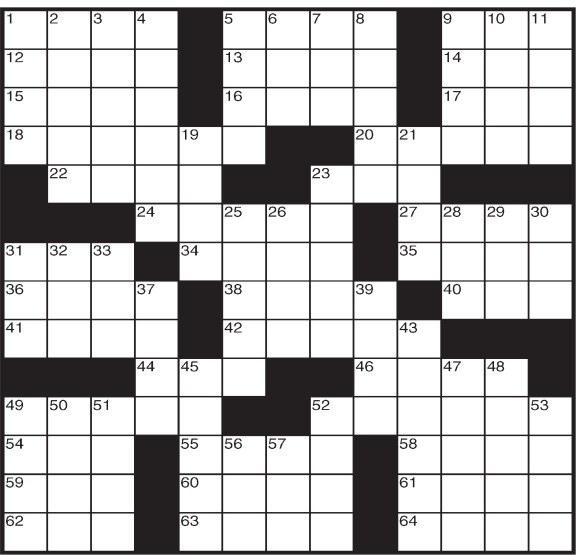
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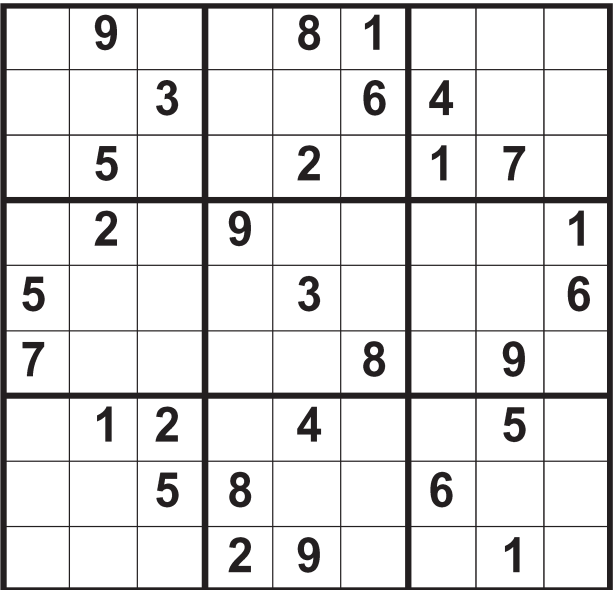
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- 31 Female principle
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- 37 Designation
- 39 Moby Dick’s foe
- 43 Gasoline rating
- 45 Port near Kyoto
- 47 Humped animal
- 48 Uses a stopwatch
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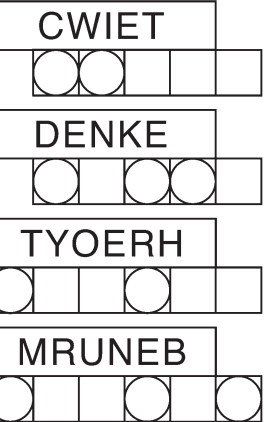
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9	6	4	3	1	7	8	2	5

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

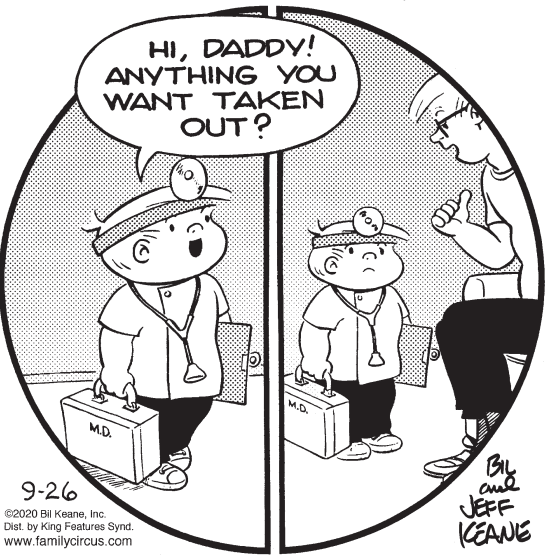


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)
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Answer: She called about her unusually high electric bill and asked — “WATTS” UP?

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

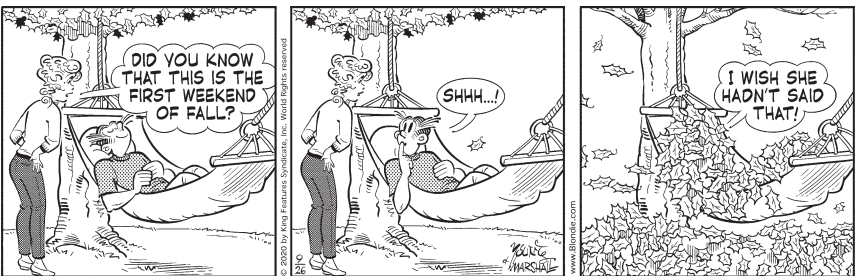


“Yes. The trash.”

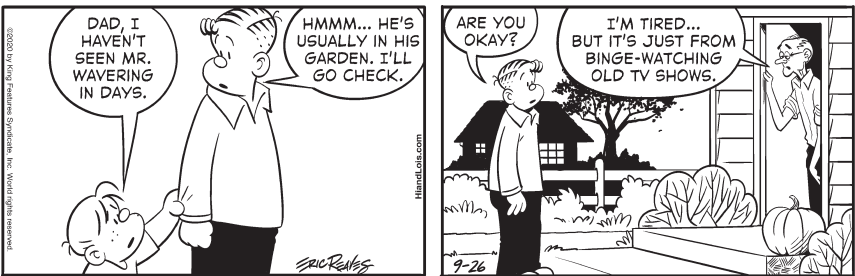
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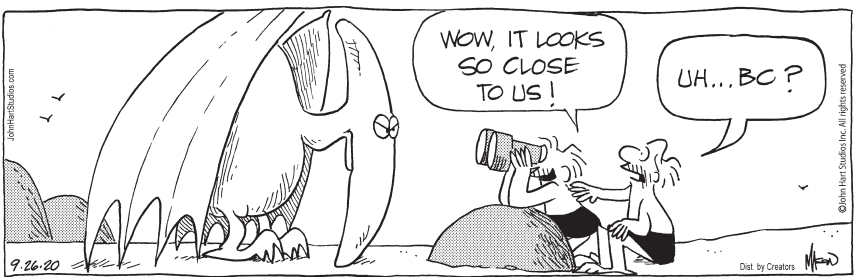
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History of U.S. steeped in the Word of God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: What is the greatest shift in the foundation of America? — A.F.

A: The history of the United States is steeped in the Word of God. This is greatly debated today, but nevertheless true. Today the Bible has been taken out of the schools, collects dust in many homes, and “feel good sermons” have replaced the study of God’s Word in many pulpits.

We must get reacquainted with The Bible. It is the ultimate authority and a compass for mankind.

In a letter to a friend, Abraham Lincoln said, “I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can and the balance upon faith, and you will live and die a better man.” Coleridge said he

believed the Bible to be the Word of God because, as he put it, “It finds me.” “If you want encouragement,” John Bunyan wrote, “entertain the promises.” Martin Luther said, “In Scriptures, even the little daisy becomes a meadow.”

The Bible is our one sure guide in an unsure world. Many great leaders have made it their chief Book and their reliable guide. Herbert J. Taylor, formerly international president of Rotary, began each day by reading the Sermon on the Mount aloud. President Ronald Reagan re-

vered the Bible so much that he proclaimed 1984 the “Year of the Bible.”

We should begin the day with the Book, and as it comes to a close let the Word speak its wisdom to our souls. Let it be the firm foundation upon which our hope is built. Let it be the Staff of Life upon which your spirit is nourished. Let it be the Sword of the Spirit, which cuts away the evil of our lives and fashions us in His image and likeness.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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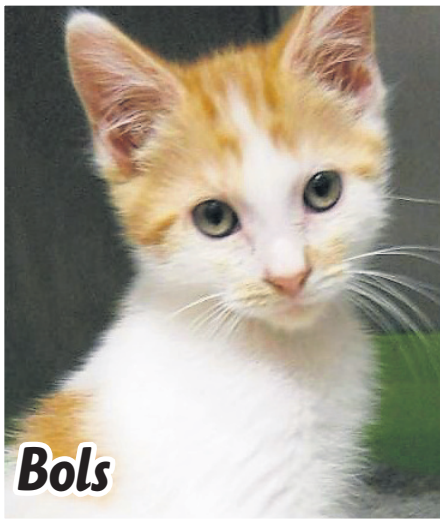
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Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. We also livestream our 10:45am service. You can find it here - <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/>

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. Currently only doing virtual services on Sunday morning at 10am until June 14th. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/>

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am. ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

LUTHERAN

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

First United Methodist Church, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Youth Pastor Nick Smith. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostetler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director. Service streaming on our Facebook page.

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Daily Bible Reading					
Matthew 25:31-46	Proverbs 1:1-33	Proverbs 3:1-35	Proverbs 4:1-27	Proverbs 8:1-36	Proverbs 9:1-18

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